

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S14231-S14337

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1877-1884, S. Res. 223-225, and S. Con. Res. 71. **Page S14287**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 964, to provide for equitable compensation for the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106-217)

S. 1707, to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) to provide that certain designated Federal entities shall be establishments under such Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106-218)

S. 1508, to provide technical and legal assistance for tribal justice systems and members of Indian tribes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106-219)

S. 1453, to facilitate relief efforts and a comprehensive solution to the war in Sudan, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1516, to amend title III of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11331 et seq.) to reauthorize the Federal Emergency Management Food and Shelter Program.

S. 1877, to amend the Federal Report Elimination and Sunset Act of 1995. **Page S14286**

Measures Passed:

10th Anniversary of Historic Events in Central/Eastern Europe: Senate passed S. Con. Res. 68, expressing the sense of Congress on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of historic events in Central and Eastern Europe, particularly the Velvet Revolution in Czechoslovakia, and reaffirming the bonds of friendship and cooperation between the United States and the Czech and Slovak Republics.

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Immigration and Nationality Act Amendment: Senate passed H.R. 3061, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend for an additional 2 years the period for admission of an alien as a non-immigrant under section 101(a)(15)(S) of such Act,

and to authorize appropriations for the refugee assistance program under chapter 2 of title IV of the Immigration and Nationality Act, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S14309**

Equality for Israel at the United Nations Act: Senate passed S. 923, to promote full equality at the United Nations for Israel. **Pages S14309-10**

Water Resources Development Act Technical Corrections: Senate passed H.R. 2724, to make technical corrections to the Water Resources Development Act of 1999, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Grassley (for Warner/Chafee/Reed) Amendment No. 2773, to make certain improvements.

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Arctic Tundra Habitat Emergency Conservation Act: Senate passed H.R. 2454, to assure the long-term conservation of mid-continent light geese and the biological diversity of the ecosystem upon which many North American migratory birds depend, by directing the Secretary of the Interior to implement rules to reduce the overabundant population of mid-continent light geese, after agreeing to committee amendments, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Grassley (for Abraham) Amendment No. 2774, to assure the long-term conservation of mid-continent light geese.

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Coastal Barrier Resources System: Senate passed S. 1398, to clarify certain boundaries on maps relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Grassley (for Smith of New Hampshire) Amendment No. 2775, to make technical corrections.

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Cost of Living Adjustment for Administrative Law Judges: Senate passed H.R. 915, to authorize a cost of living adjustment in the pay of administrative law judges, clearing the measure for the President.

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Honoring Civil Defense and Emergency Management Workers: Senate passed H.R. 348, to authorize the construction of a monument to honor those who have served the Nation's civil defense and emergency management programs, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S14313**

Disabilities Assistance: Senate passed S. 1809, to improve service systems for individuals with developmental disabilities, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S14313-33**

Recognizing Disaster Assistance Response of Certain Organizations: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 30, recognizing the sacrifice and dedication of members of America's non-governmental organizations and private volunteer organizations throughout their history and specifically in answer to their courageous response to recent disasters in Central America and Kosovo. **Pages S14333-34**

Peru Judicial/Electoral Institutions: Senate agreed to S. Res. 209, expressing concern over interference with freedom of the press and the independence of judicial and electoral institutions in Peru. **Page S14334**

U.S./NATO Policy: Senate agreed to S. Res. 208, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding United States policy toward the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the European Union, in light of the Alliance's April 1999 Washington Summit and the European Union's June 1999 Cologne Summit, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S14334-35**

Grassley (for Levin) Amendment No. 2776, to make certain technical amendments. **Pages S14334-35**

Bankruptcy Reform Act: Senate resumed consideration of S. 625, to amend title 11, United States Code, agreeing to committee amendments by unanimous consent, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S14244-80**

Adopted:

By 94 yeas to 0 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 355), Grassley Modified Amendment No. 1730, to amend title 11, United States Code, to provide for health care and employee benefits. **Pages S14244, S14266-67**

Pending:

Kohl Amendment No. 2516, to limit the value of certain real or personal property a debtor may elect to exempt under State or local law. **Page S14244**

Sessions Amendment No. 2518 (to Amendment No. 2516), to limit the value of certain real or personal property a debtor may elect to exempt under State or local law. **Page S14244**

Feingold (for Durbin) Amendment No. 2521, to discourage predatory lending practices. **Page S14244**

Feingold Amendment No. 2522, to provide for the expenses of long term care. **Page S14244**

Hatch/Torricelli Amendment No. 1729, to provide for domestic support obligations. **Page S14244**

Leahy/Murray/Feinstein Amendment No. 2528, to ensure additional expenses and income adjustments associated with protection of the debtor and the debtor's family from domestic violence are included in the debtor's monthly expenses. **Page S14244**

Leahy Amendment No. 2529, to save United States taxpayers \$24,000,000 by eliminating the blanket mandate relating to the filing of tax returns. **Page S14244**

Wellstone Amendment No. 2537, to disallow claims of certain insured depository institutions. **Page S14249**

Wellstone Amendment No. 2538, with respect to the disallowance of certain claims and to prohibit certain coercive debt collection practices. **Page S14249**

Kennedy Amendment No. 2751, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to increase the Federal minimum wage. **Pages S14250-61**

Domenici Amendment No. 2547, to increase the Federal minimum wage and protect small business. **Pages S14261-80**

Feinstein Amendment No. 1696, to limit the amount of credit extended under an open end consumer credit plan to persons under the age of 21. **Page S14262**

Feinstein Amendment No. 2755, to discourage indiscriminate extensions of credit and resulting consumer insolvency. **Page S14262**

Schumer/Durbin Amendment No. 2759, with respect to national standards and homeowner home maintenance costs. **Pages S14276-77**

Schumer/Durbin Amendment No. 2762, to modify the means test relating to safe harbor provisions. **Pages S14276-77**

Schumer Amendment No. 2763, to ensure that debts incurred as a result of clinic violence are non-dischargeable. **Pages S14276-77**

Schumer Amendment No. 2764, to provide for greater accuracy in certain means testing. **Pages S14276-77**

Schumer Amendment No. 2765, to include certain dislocated workers' expenses in the debtor's monthly expenses. **Pages S14276-77**

Levin Amendment No. 2768, to prohibit certain retroactive finance charges. **Page S14280**

Levin Amendment No. 2772, to express the sense of the Senate concerning credit worthiness. **Page S14280**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Tuesday, November 9, 1999. **Page S14335**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting a report relative to the continuation of the National Emergency with respect to Iran; referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM-71). **Page S14285**

Transmitting a periodic report relative to the National Emergency with respect to Sudan; referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM-72). **Page S14285**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Carol Jones Carmody, of Louisiana, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2004.

Donald W. Horton, of Maryland, to be United States Marshal for the District of Columbia for the term of four years. **Page S14337**

Messages From the President: **Page S14285**

Messages From the House: **Pages S14285-86**

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Amendments Submitted: **Pages S14300-05**

Authority for Committees: **Pages S14305-06**

Additional Statements: **Pages S14306-08**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—355) **Page S14267**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 8:16 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, November 9, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S14335.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

TELECOMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY MERGERS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee held hearings to examine the impact of mergers on market competition in the telecommunications industry, receiving testimony from William E. Kennard, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission; Robert Pitofsky, Chairman, Federal Trade Commission; Scott C. Cleland, Legg Mason Precursor Group, Gene Kimmelman, Consumers Union, Paul Glenchur, Charles Schwab Washington Research Group, and John Sidgemore, MCI WorldCom, all of Washington, D.C.; and Mike McTighe, Cable and Wireless, Vienna, Virginia.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of William A. Halter, of Arkansas, to be Deputy Commissioner of the Social Security Administration.

Also, Committee approved the appointment of Senator Coverdell to become a member of the Committee, and to be Chairman of the Subcommittee on Health Care. In addition, Senator Coverdell will be a member of the Subcommittee on International Trade, the Subcommittee on Long-Term Growth and Debt Reduction, and the Subcommittee on Social Security and Family Policy

BABY BOOM GENERATION

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded hearings to examine the political, social, and economic challenges that may face the United States as the baby boomer generation approach retirement, after receiving testimony from Ken Dychtwald, Age Wave, Emeryville, California; Fernando M. Torres-Gil, UCLA Center for Policy Research on Aging, Los Angeles, California; Peter G. Peterson, Blackstone Group, New York, New York, on behalf of the Concord Coalition; and Tipper Gore, Washington, D.C.